TH MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AMD PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R . BALASUBRA-MONTYAN): (a) No, S]r.

lb) and (o) Do not arise.

Promotion of compu'tr software industry in Orissa

2486. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steps have been taken by Government to promote computer software industry m the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that adequate - tops have not been taken to promoted computer software industry in Orissa;

to if so. the reasoas therefbr.

(J) whether there is a vast scope to promote computer software industry in that State; and

iei it *w,* ttie possibilities explored jn that regard?

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(«) Th« Government ol India, Department of KJectionici has get up vOofy Put u Bhubane*h» *mtimtrt* indntry in the *hi* addition, the Department electronics supported imptencn-•m of computer co,ir«e* VL? Pto* iu*t» Diatom* in Computer A «M tPCOX A. M*»in „. Qtajpa •UoalK-o (MC M. fc.Tevh unj IT. | in various Universjties|Educational fijj tutes in the State for development jjl manpower in software area.

Production of electronic goods

2487. SHRI SANIAY NIRUPAM: SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that productk in the electronic industry during U Eighth Five Year Plan has been beiot the targets;

tb) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor.

(c) whether Government have any pit tor increasing the production of electa nic goods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the terminal year 1996-97 of VIII Five Year Plan, the total electronics production was Rs. 26,640 crores as against Eighth Plan target of Rs. 36,000 crores. This represented 74 per cent of targets and the electronic industry achieved cumulative growth of 20 per cent in production. During VIII Plan there has been a mixed performance in different sectors with Consumer Electronic and Communication and Broadcasting Equipment growing more rapidly than other hardware Sector. The Software sector exceeded what was targetted.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Working Group on Electronic Industry set up for IX Plan by the Planning Commission has set a goal of electronics production of Rs. 138,350 crores for the terminal year of the IX Plan (2001-02) representing a growth rate of about 37 per cent. In order to achieve the said production

target, the principal strategy will be to set up production levels at international boat and prices, market promotion and ^export thrusi, international quality of products, rationalisation of tariff and procedures, strengthening the manpower base to give growth to the Electronic and Information Technlogy,

Andhra Pradesh proposal for "Electronics Governance"

2488. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY:

DR ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

fa) whether Andhra Pradesh Govern. ment has jubmittod *a* proposal for clearance of Project Repor, on I lectronic Governance at a cost of Rs. 1-2 crores;

ib» if so. the details thereof and whether Government have examined this pro. posal;

fc) what assistance uould be extended lie Governments, like Andhra Pradesh who wish to develop electronics Governance; and

tdl the steps proposed to clear the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government ;md by when the same would be cleared for implementation?

III! M1MSTI R OI SI.MI IN till MIMS[«> til PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES Wl> PENSIONS AND Till M I N I M I R OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AF-l AIRS ISHRI S R BALASLBRVMO NIYs.Ni o (d) The Government ot Kndhr.i Pradesh submitted a proposal ruj the emerging paradigm of •invent being Ushered Information Technology and »rell- Wne of the areas for undertaking piloi project,, . inter no- - and fiber IT applications which would help in providing a more convenient aad viti/tn friandls m(etf*s- mem The* have he* ie Government officials and far-ther action ha» been imitated based on 'bur dtV-nssiottv

New Passport Office at Tinipathi

2489. DR. ALLADI P. RAlkUMAR Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

iai whether representations have been, received for opening a new Passport Office at Tirupati >n Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh;

fb) if so, the major points made out by the representaiionists and the act,on taken thereon; and

ic.) by Which date the neu Passport Office is likely to be established at 1 iru-pathi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY "I I MERNAL AFFAIRS ISHRIMATI KAMI A MMIAj (•) It-Sit.

(bi and ici All the representation^ highlighted the difficulties faced by the people of southern districts of Andhra Pradesh due to long distance ihcy have cr to visit Hyderabad for getting passports A Ben Passport Office has re-been opened *t Visalhapatnam in \ P tor the convenience of the reajdjeeej of iha' area. The number of appiica- raosrted from Ttrupathi and! its adjoining districts during was 2X121 which is far below the nurr. 5lMMVl s tn a year recommend-ed by the Standing (Parlia-ment on External Affairs for opening a new Passport. Office in any SUtt'reejoa. As sIK-h U-. proposal to open another Passport Office in Ttrupathj at present

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2490 SHRI RAJUBAHI A PARMAR will PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to unistarred question 190 given to the rajya sabha on the 24th july 19997 and state

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